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HALIFAX FARMERS MAKE A MOVE.

They Propose to Reduce
the Acreage in Cotton.

A MEETING HELD

In Scotland Neck--The Alliance men
Will Raise Their Own Sup-
plies and Prosper.

Special to STATE CHRONICLE.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., Dec. 30. Some weeks ago the Scotland Neck Farmers' Alliance passed resolutions calling a meeting of the Alliance and all others interested in agriculture on the 29th to deliberate in open meeting the subject of reducing the acreage in cotton, and the substitutes for cotton.

That meeting was held in Temperance Hall here yesterday. A large audience of farmers, merchants, lawyers, doctors and men of every calling assembled and participated in the deliberations.

The resolutions had been published several weeks in the Scotland Neck Democrat, and it was generally known that the meeting would be held, consequently there was a large attendance by persons of this community and visitors from other Alliances and other counties. Discussions were free and easy with an interchange of views on the subject of reducing the acreage in cotton and falling upon some substitute.

Mr. H. W. Shields was chairman of the meeting and opened with remarks well-timed and stated the objects of the meeting.

Mr. E. E. Hillard, editor of the Democrat, through which the meeting had been published from time to time, was called upon and responded on the line of advising the farmers first of all to make their own supplies. He introduced the subject of rice culture, and the raising of cotton.

Messrs. L. Whitehead and W. Edwards, farmers, gave their experiences in rice culture. In some instances they stated that the cultivation of rice and the returns had been very satisfactory.

Mr. W. A. Dunn, a lawyer, said he was not a farmer, but took occasion to say that he was in sympathy with the farmers and was ready and willing to do anything he could to help them improve their depressed condition.

Mr. John T. Lawrence, an aged farmer, urged all to make their own supplies. He said that when he was a young man he started farming on supplies for one year, and these supplies have lasted him through a long life of successful farming.

Mr. R. E. Hancock, a successful farmer, said that his independence as a farmer is due to the fact that he has all the while made his own supplies. He offered resolutions recommending that the farmers reduce the acreage in cotton one-half. Mr. R. H. Smith, Sr., a farmer of a life-long experience, thought that resolutions were not needed, but that the farmer can improve his condition by diversifying crops,

and by trucking in those things for which he can find a ready market.

Dr. M. T. Savage, physician and farmer, thought that it is good to raise home supplies and not impoverish the soil by depriving it of vegetation by planting cotton so long on the same land.

Mr. A. W. Early, of Bertie county, a farmer and merchant, said that a safe plan is to make home supplies first, whatever the price of cotton. Resolutions would not effect much, but the matter of personal judgment as to what crops ought to be raised, after home supplies, must regulate the crop.

Rev. L. M. Curtis said that his observation as a minister was that the independent farmers of the land are those that raise their own supplies.

Mr. R. H. Smith, Jr., lawyer, thought that resolutions properly shaped touching the matter of acreage would lead to the reduction and the needed diversity of crops.

Hon. W. H. Kitchin made some well-timed remarks, urging the farmers to stop making cotton at a loss. His remarks, as well as those of all who spoke, were well received.

The consensus of the meeting was very pronounced in favor of reducing the acreage in cotton, diversifying the crops and, first of all, raising home supplies. There were no resolutions formally passed, but all were agreed on the questions discussed. It is thought that good will result from the meeting and that cotton will no longer be king in this community.

The Murderer of Capt. Dunn.

Special to STATE CHRONICLE.

WAKE FOREST, Dec. 30.--The many friends of Capt. C. E. Dunn will doubtless be glad to learn the facts about the trial of W. A. Moore who murdered Capt. Dunn last January. The trial occurred at Dandridge, Tenn., last week. The finest legal talent in the State was employed on both sides and much interest was manifested in the trial. The speech of Col. W. A. Henderson, of Knoxville, for the prosecution, was elegant and touching. The jury failed to agree, some of them favoring a verdict of murder in the first degree and others believing the fatal shot to have been accidental. The case will be tried again in April next when we hope nothing will be left undone to punish the guilty.

Richmond Terminal Matters.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. The Evening Post says: The dealing in Richmond Terminal securities today had every appearance of manipulation to induce outside buying. One broker prominent in the recent advance bought the stock early, but sold later. The relations of the Richmond and Danville with the Georgia Central officials are now openly ruptured and the Richmond Terminal officials state publicly that the guaranteed dividend will not be paid by the Danville railway company unless the Georgia Central turns over collateral to secure an alleged claim of \$75,000 made by the Danville company, the guarantee involved in the lease being ignored.

CRITICAL SITUATION ON THE BORDER.

A Conflict Between Garza's Men and United States Troops Inevitable.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Near Milwaukee--Men Blown to Atoms--Col. Morrow is Speaker of the Kentucky House.

By United Press.

ON THE MEXICAN BORDER.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 30. The outlook for an early settlement of the difficulties on the Texas frontier along the Rio Grande border is very gloomy. General Stanley received official telegrams from several commanders in the turbulent districts this morning and all of them were serious if not alarming in their nature. The most important dispatch is from Fort Ringgold, stating that Garza was reinforced last evening at his headquarters in Starr county by an armed force of about 250 revolutionists, giving him a strength of from 500 to 700 men. Second Lieutenant George H. Longhorne and his command of 300 men, are in the immediate vicinity of this main army and they are reported to be guarding the river crossing at that point as best they can with the small force. The other available troops of that part of the frontier are being rushed to Longhorne's aid as rapidly as possible. It is believed that a conflict between Garza's men and the United States troops is inevitable and that it will occur within the next 48 hours.

FROM AUSTIN.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 30. Capt. Hardie and his little force of cavalry who have been scouting in search of Garza's men arrived at Alice, Tex., yesterday. A number of Texas Rangers are co-operating with Hardie.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 30. At 7:30 this morning four boxes of dynamite bombs, used in blasting at Schomaker's Bascho stone quarry in Wauwatosa village, five miles west of this city, exploded, blowing Albert Bulitz and Wm. Walker to atoms. John Radoisky was fatally injured. The two men killed were in the act of loading the blasting pump when the explosion occurred. The concussion demolished hundreds of windows in Wauwatosa and a number in this city.

MORROW IS SPEAKER.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 30. The fight over the speakership of the Kentucky House of Representatives was brought to a close on the 35th ballot, when Col. Morrow received a majority of votes cast.

PUBLIC CHARITIES.

The Proceedings of the Board--The Very Complete Reports, &c.

The State Board of Public Charities held its annual meeting, to consider the reports from the various institutions, charitable and penal, Tuesday and yesterday. In the absence of President Charles Duffy, Jr., of Newbern, (ill with the prevailing gripe) Laurence J. Haughton, E. q., presided. The Secretary, Capt. C. B. Denson, presented a report upon the three insane asylums, deaf and dumb institution, penitentiary, soldiers' home, Oxford orphan asylum, and the jails, work-houses and homes, and many private benevolent institutions in the greater portion of the

State. Although closely condensed, it covered some 200 pages, giving tabulated statements of the authorities, and reports of inspections by the State board and its secretary, and also by 220 visitors in the several counties forming local boards, and representing the State board. These reports were carefully considered, county by county, and all cases of abuse, neglect, error or improper management noted, with a view to correction by the proper authorities. While there will be a great field of labor for improvement, it is gratifying to know that these are model counties in these regards. Some of these important results will be published hereafter, as the statistics are completed. Dr. W. R. Wood, Supt. of the insane asylum here appeared before the board and advocated the great need and propriety of erecting there an infirmary for patients and employees with acute disorders. This subject will be treated in the next annual report, immediately upon the assembling of the next General Assembly. A communication was read from Capt. T. W. Patton, of Asheville, one of the visitors of the board for Buncombe county, upon the topic: "Are not workhouses better than jails?" It proposes the establishment of a workhouse in each judicial district, and employment, with careful physical and moral care, of all persons sentenced to imprisonment in the county jails, and their accommodation in separate cells. Illustrative of a point in view, is a report of the confinement of 48 prisoners at one time, in Buncombe jail, by Federal authority, many of whom were innocent. A list of Confederate veterans, ascertained to be in county homes with rank, company, regiment, county, and whether pensioned or not, was read. Statistics were exhibited of the children now in county "homes," growing up under such unfavorable circumstances; exhibiting in many instances the terrible fact that such children are actually born in these institutions. The board will take active measures so far as their powers extend, and will also recommend to the General Assembly plans for the abatement of various evils which investigation has revealed.

Dr. J. T. Reid, of McDowell, offered the following which, being seconded by W. N. Jones, Esq., of Wake, were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes: WHEREAS, By the arduous labors of the Secretary, Capt. C. B. Denson, the Commissioners of Public Charities are in possession of a vast amount of valuable statistical information of the workings of the charitable and penal institutions of the State. Therefore, be it Resolved, That the thanks of the Board of Commissioners are due and are hereby tendered to Capt. C. B. Denson for his efficient services as secretary of this board. After routine business, the board adjourned. Prof. Wm. A. Blair, of Forsyth, was detained by a telegram when starting for the meeting. Dr. Charles Duffy, Jr., the president, will accompany the report with some important recommendations to the Governor. It is understood that he will discuss the question of a proper water supply to the institutions in Eastern North Carolina.

Anti-Lottery Sentiment Strong. Charlotte Chronicle. Mr. F. B. McDowell has returned from a visit to New Orleans. The lottery fight is at white heat there, and he talks entertainingly about it, saying that from what he saw and heard, he is pretty confident that the anti-lottery element will win in the election, which is to take place next April.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN TENNESSEE.

A Broken Rail Causes
Trouble Near Bristol.

HUDSON LEADING

In the Contest For the Kansas Senatorship--The Treasury Balance--Electric Sparks.

By United Press.

TENNESSEE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn., Dec. 30. A broken rail in the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railway track four miles west of Bristol this morning wrecked west-bound passenger train No. 5 and ditched two coaches. The hurt are: Mrs. Rev. F. M. Farra, Midway, Tennessee; left leg bruised, teeth knocked out and nose mashed; Miss Sadie Farra, Midway Tenn.; gash above left eye; Miss Nellie St. John, Chilhowie, Va.; gash back of her ear and crushed in the cheek; ex-Congressman R. R. Butler, Mountain City, Tenn.; gash in top of head and hurt in back; A. L. Kite, Rome, Ga.; gash in the forehead and crushed hip; B. G. McDowell, Bristol, Tenn.; knee mashed and cut by glass; Berry Weil, Baltimore, Md.; injured.

MAJOR HUDSON AHEAD.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 30. The Senatorial situation is still unchanged. As set forth in these dispatches from the beginning of the contest Major J. K. Hudson seems most likely to succeed Senator Plumb. He has innumerable delegations here to force his appointment and has more genuine backing than all the other candidates combined. The appointment will not be made before Friday or Saturday.

LOWEST IN MANY YEARS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. The declared treasury balance to day is lowest in many years, being \$31,542,344. Of this \$13,736,674 is in subsidiary treasury coin, \$13,170,840 in national bank deposits and \$310,230 in minor coin.

TINY TICKS.

Miss Rachel Sherman, daughter of the late General W. T. Sherman, was married to Mr. Paul Thorndyke, of Boston.

Irving Jenkins, the murderer of the Packwood family at New Smyrna, Fla., has been caught and jailed.

Bob Norris, a young farmer, was fatally wounded by James Rone at a dance at Riverside, Ky.

There is nothing new in the Chilian situation, which seems to be decidedly peaceful.

Twenty were killed and 100 wounded in a train collision near Smolenz, Russia.

American Forestry Association in session at Washington, elected officers yesterday.

The International Congress of India, has passed resolutions asking for home rule.

English troops have occupied Hunsea near Gilgit on the Pamir frontier.

Bishop Loughlin, of the Catholic diocese of Brooklyn, is dead, aged 74.

The Pacific coast suffers from the heaviest storm of recent years. The Graves murder trial is given to the jury to-day.

My only family medicine--Simmons Liver Regulator.--Rev. Jas. M. Rollins, Fairfield, Va.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT

To Wreck a Passenger Train at Boston's Bridge.

The Charlotte News of Tuesday says: For several days past railroad circles have been intensely stirred over the fact that another attempt has been made at train wrecking, at Boston's bridge, near Statesville. Last Thursday night two cross-ties were placed between the rails on the bridge, in such a way that the engine of the east-bound passenger train would mount them and leave the track. It happened that a west-bound freight train, an extra, passed half an hour before the east-bound passenger train was due. The pilot of the freight engine ploughed under the upright ends of the cross-ties and threw them from the bridge. There was a sharp shock, but none of the wheels were derailed, and the freight passed in safety. The affair was kept quiet for obvious reasons. The section of country adjacent to Boston's bridge is now picketed with detectives.

THE R. & G. TAX CASE.

The Commissioners Decide and the Railway Takes an Appeal.

The board of county commissioners were in session again yesterday, considering the Raleigh & Gaston railway tax case, involving some \$40,000. The commissioners settled it as far as they are concerned by deciding that the railroad should pay tax on property valued at \$1,724,200, as not exempt from taxation under the charter of the road. They decided that the Louisville road and several other properties such as engines, &c., were exempt from taxation under the charter.

Maj. Hinsdale, counsel for the railway, gave notice of an appeal to the Superior court, where the case will be tried. He stated that when the court fixed the amount of taxes legally due the road would pay it willingly and cheerfully.

A Pretty Morning Wedding.

A few minutes after 10 o'clock yesterday morning at Christ church, Dr. Kemp Batchelor, formerly of this city, but now a physician at Baltimore, was married to Miss Ferebe Dewey, the charming daughter of Mr. Frank Dewey. It was quite an event in society, as the fashionable assemblage showed. The bride was attired in white, wore a veil and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her maid of honor was Miss Lizzie Justice, of Charlotte. The groom's best man was Mr. W. P. Batchelor, his brother. The bridesmaids were Misses Bessie Tucker, Mildred McPheeters, Sadie Tucker, Mary Snow, Martha Haywood and Julia Dewey. The ushers were Dr. F. Martin, Dr. N. E. B. Inglehart and Mr. Sidney T. Manning of Baltimore; Mr. William B. Grimes, Mr. Frank Batchelor and Mr. Bartell Wise. The scene in the church was very striking. The Christmas decorations, were in contrast with the effective toilets of the ladies and the brilliant light of many candles on the altar. The bride was given away by her father. It was 10:30 when the ceremony ended and an hour later Dr. and Mrs. Batchelor, after having received many warm congratulations, left for Philadelphia, where they will remain some days on a visit to relatives of the bride.

Not Dangerously Ill.

There were reports yesterday that Bishop Lyman was dangerously sick. In the afternoon there were a number of callers at his home. It was found that though he was suffering considerably with gripe and a cough, he was not in bed.